

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**For Six Month Period Ending 03/31/2020

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

Thomas Capitol Partners, Inc. 5982

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW
 Suite 500
 Washington, DC 20036

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es) Yes ☐ No ☐

(2) Citizenship Yes ☐ No ☐

(3) Occupation Yes ☐ No ☐

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name Yes ☐ No ☒

(2) Ownership or control Yes ☐ No ☒

(3) Branch offices Yes ☐ No ☒

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

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7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

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8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

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9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Embassy of the Republic of Korea

Korea International Trade Association

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes ☒ No ☐Exhibit B⁴ Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

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11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Please see attached exhibit.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

Please see attached exhibit.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
10/01/2019 to 03/31/2020	Embassy of the Republic of Korea	Retainer Fee and Expenses	\$270,000.00
10/01/2019 to 03/31/2020	Korea International Trade Association	Retainer Fee and Expenses	\$70,800.00
			\$340,800.00
			<u>Total</u>

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐
- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
10/01/2019 to 03/31/2020	Embassy of the Republic of Korea	Office operation and equipment expenses, business meals and entertainment, travel and lodging, transportation, professional development, subscriptions, computer and Internet and local and long distance communication.	Various
10/01/2019 to 03/31/2020	Korea International Trade Association	Office operation and equipment expenses, business meals and entertainment, travel and lodging, transportation, professional development, subscriptions, computer and Internet and local and long distance communication.	Various

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☒No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- ☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Other (*specify*) _____

Electronic Communications

☒ Email

☐ Website URL(s): _____

☐ Social media websites URL(s): _____

☐ Other (*specify*) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- ☐ Public officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
☒ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions
☐ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups
☐ Other (*specify*) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

☒ English ☐ Other (*specify*) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

April 17, 2020

/s/ Thomas Sung-Hoon Kim

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

FOR SIX-MONTH SUPPLEMENTAL FILING PERIOD: 10/01/2019 to 03/31/2020

THOMAS CAPITOL PARTNERS, INC.
 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW
 Suite 500
 Washington, DC 20036
 Registration Number: 5982

ATTACHMENT**Item 11: During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?**

EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

-Provided strategic consultation, public relations advisory and lobbying services related issues to the U.S.-Korea General Bilateral Alliance (GBA).

KOREA INTERNATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATION

-Provided strategic consultation and public relations advisory services related to U.S.-Korea trade, investment and economic issues.

Item 12: During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity as defined below?

Meetings and/or contacts with Members and/or staff of the following offices of the U.S. House of Representatives:

Babin, Brian	Gaetz, Matt	Reed, Tom
Barr, Andy	Garamendi, John	Renschenthaler, Guy
Barragan, Nanette	Gomez, Jimmy	Roe, Phil
Bass, Karen	Gonzalez, Vincente	Ruppersberger, Dutch
Bera, Ami	Green, Mark	Rush, Bobby
Bernice Johnson, Eddie	Hagedorn, Jim	Panetta, Jimmy
Beyer, Don	Hastings, Alcee	Pascrell, Bill, Jr.
Bilirakis, Gus	Hern, Kevin	Pelosi, Nancy
Bishop, Mike	Harris, Andy	Posey, Bill
Boyle, Brendan	Himes, Jim	Renschenthaler, Guy
Brady, Kevin	Holding, George	Rice, Kathleen
Brooks, Mo	Houlahan, Chrissy	Richmond, Cedric
Brown, Anthony	Hoyer, Steny	Rogers, Mike
Buck, Ken	Huffman, Jared	Rouda, Harley

Burgess, Michael	Issa, Darrell	Rush, Bobby
Capuano, Michael	Jackson-Lee, Sheila	Sablan, Gregorio
Carbajal, Salud	Jeffries, Hakeem	Scalise, Steve
Cardenas, Tony	Johnson, Bill	Schakowsky, Janice
Carter, Buddy	Johnson, Hank	Schiff, Adam
Castro, Joaquin	Kaptur, Marcy	Schneider, Brad
Chabot, Steve	Kelly, Mike	Scott, Austin
Chu, Judy	Kelly, Robin	Sewell, Terri
Cicillini, David	Khanna, Ro	Sherman, Brad
Cisneros, Gil	Kim, Andy	Sires, Albio
Clark, Katherine	Kinzinger, Adam	Smith, Adam
Cleaver, Emanuel	LaHood, Darin	Smith, Chris
Clyburn, Jim	Lamb, Conor	Smucker, Lloyd
Cohen, Steve	Lamborn, Doug	Spanberger, Abigail
Conaway, Mike	Larson, John	Speier, Jackie
Connolly, Gerald	Lawrence, Brenda	Steil, Bryan
Crist, Charles	Lee, Barbara	Steube, Greg
Cummings, Elijah	Lewis, Jason	Stewart, Chris
Cunningham, Joe	Lieu, Ted	Suozi, Tom
Curtis, John	Long, Billy	Takano, Mark
Davis, Danny	Lujan, Ben	Taylor, Van
Davis, Rodney	Maloney, Carolyn	Thompson, Glenn
Davis, Susan	Marino, Tom	Tipton, Scott
Delbene, Suzan	Mast, Brian	Titus, Dina
Doggett, Lloyd	Matsui, Doris	Trone, David
Duncan, Jeff	McCarthy, Kevin	Trott, Dave
Engel, Eliot L.	McCaul, Michael	Visclosky, Pete
Espaillet, Adriano	Meeks, Gregory	Wagner, Ann
Evans, Dwight	Meng, Grace	Walden, Greg
Ferguson, Drew	Miller, Carol	Walorski, Jackie
Fortenberry, Jeff	Moore, Gwen	Wexton, Jennifer
Fitzpatrick, Brian	Murphy, Stephanie	Wilson, Joe
Frankel, Lois	Norman, Ralph	Womack, Steve
Gabbard, Tulsi	Nunes, Devin	Woodall, Rob
Gaetz, Matt	Perry, Scott	Wright, Ron
Gallagher, Mike	Quigley, Mike	Yoho, Ted
Gallego, Ruben	Ratliffe, John	

Meetings and/or contacts with Members and/or staff of the following offices of the United States Senate:

Barrasso, John	Heinrich, Martin	Risch, James
Blackburn, Marsha	Hirono, Mazie	Rounds, Mike
Blunt, Roy	Inhofe, James	Rubio, Marco

Booker, Cory	Isakson, Johnny	Sasse, Ben
Boozman, John	Jones, Doug	Schatz, Brian
Cardin, Benjamin	Kaine, Tim	Schumer, Charles
Coons, Chris	King, Angus	Scott, Tim
Cornyn, John	Klobuchar, Amy	Scott, Rick
Cotton, Tom	Manchin, Joe	Shaheen, Jeanne
Crapo, Mike	Markey, Ed	Sullivan, Daniel
Duckworth, Tammy	Merkley, Jeff	Tillis, Thom
Durbin, Richard	McCain, John	Toomey, Pat
Ernst, Joni	Menendez, Robert	Udall, Tom
Feinstein, Dianne	Murphy, Chris	Warren, Elizabeth
Gardner, Cory	Murkowski, Lisa	Warner, Mark
Harris, Kamala	Perdue, David	Wicker, Roger
Hassan, Maggie	Portman, Rob	Young, Todd

Meetings and/or contacts with Members and/or staff of the following House Congressional Committees:

House Committee on Appropriations
House Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
House Committee on Ethics
House Committee on Financial Services
House Committee on Foreign Affairs
House Committee on House Administration
House Committee on the Judiciary
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
House Committee on Rules
House Committee on Ways and Means

Meetings and/or contacts with Members and/or staff of the following Senate Congressional Committees:

Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Senate Committee on Finance
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Item 15(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to Political Committees during Reporting Period:

Sen. Jim Risch	\$500
Sen. Jim Inhofe	\$500
Rep. Ruben Gallego	\$250
Rep. Jennifer Wexton	\$250
Sen. Cory Gardner	\$250
Rep. Grace Meng	\$250
Rep. Eliot Engel	\$250
Rep. Andy Kim	\$1500
Sen. Cory Gardner	\$250
Sen. Jim Inhofe	\$250
Rep. Gerry Connolly	\$1000

Item 19: Disseminating Informational Material

- Informational material in the public interest related to COVID-19 global pandemic.

//End of Attachment//

30 March 2020

Korea's Fight against COVID-19



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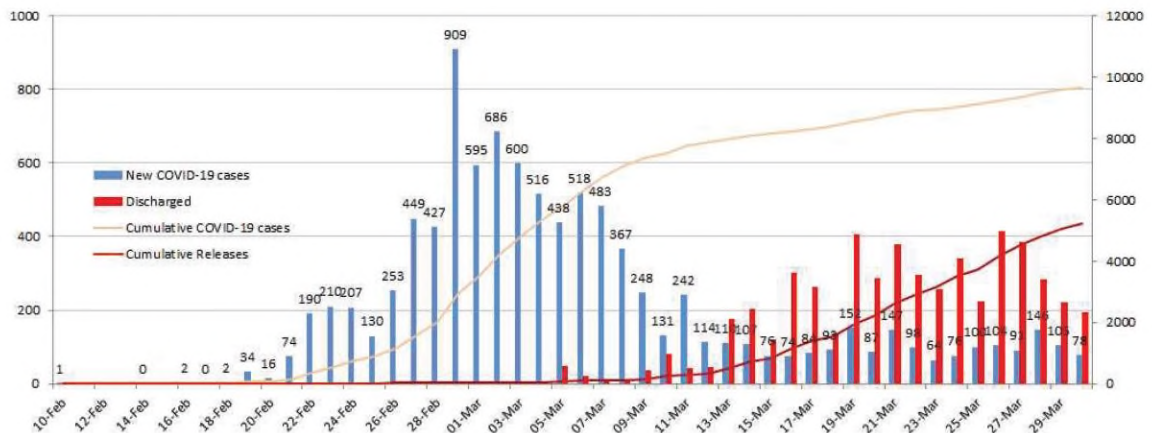
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1. Coordinated Global Response against COVID-19

- The international community is facing an unprecedented global crisis with the fast spread of the COVID-19 pandemic to an ever-growing number of countries and peoples (202 countries and territories as of 30 March). The pandemic has triggered widespread closing of borders, wiped out global mobility of people and goods, disrupted global supply and distribution networks, and spread panic and fear, not to mention stalled or ended the lives of those infected by the virus. To beat COVID-19 and recover from the devastation it has wrought, an unprecedented level of global solidarity and coordinated action is needed. No country will be fully safe before the world as a whole feels safely protected from COVID-19.
- The Republic of Korea has overcome the worst phase of the spread of the virus so far in the country, and the Government is prepared to fully share all information and insight garnered in our ongoing fight against COVID-19 with our partners in the international community. We will partake in coordinated global responses, extend the strongest support to multilateral efforts to fight the virus, and do our utmost to meet demands in other countries for medical equipment and supplies subject to our domestic needs and production capacity. We hope the legacy of COVID-19 to be one of global solidarity and better preparedness for the next time based on the principles of openness, civic engagement and transparency.
- With this commitment and vision, President Moon Jae-in took part in the Extraordinary Virtual G20 Summit, chaired by Saudi Arabia on 27 March, to advance coordinated global response against COVID-19. He has also engaged with numerous world leaders over the telephone. The Government is also having bilateral and multilateral telephone/video consultations with many countries at various levels/sectors, including Disease Control and Prevention Agencies, to share information and coordinate responses.
- ◆ The Korean Government recently initiated a prospective cohort study on domestic COVID-19 cases in close collaboration with the WHO, with the expectation that clinical, epidemiological, and immunological studies may contribute to international efforts in the fight against COVID-19 and provide scientific grounds for drawing up guidelines and recommendations.

2. COVID-19 Situation in Korea

- The COVID-19 epidemic in Korea has so far been largely concentrated in a specific region of the country and within a specific religious group¹. Concerted efforts by health authorities in February and early March to exhaustively test and isolate those at high-risk in the region and among the members of the group around the country resulted in a surge of hundreds of new cases being identified daily for some time. However, by quickly identifying those infected through exhaustive testing and aggressively tracking down their contacts to prevent further spread of the virus, the situation has been stabilized.
- ◆ The number of newly confirmed cases per day has been showing steady decline since hitting a peak at 909 new cases on 29 February. Since March 15th when the number first fell below 100, the average number of newly confirmed cases per day has fluctuated around this level. Since mid-March, the daily number of patients who had fully recovered, tested negative for COVID-19, and discharged from hospitals or treatment centers (shown in red) has steadily surpassed that of the newly confirmed cases (shown in blue), as can be seen in the graph below. On 28 March, the number of patients fully cured and released surpassed those still remaining in care.



< COVID-19 Situation in Korea >

- Despite the encouraging trend, we continue to remain vigilant as there are sporadic spikes in group/community transmissions in various parts of the country, as well as an increase in COVID-19 cases among recent overseas travelers². We have continued to quickly adapt our countermeasures and control strategies in response to the evolving nature of the spread. The measures currently in effect and outlined in this paper are the result of whole-of-government deliberation and decision to adapt and upgrade our response to COVID-19.

¹ As of 30 March, 58.7% of confirmed cases are linked to Shincheonji Church and 82% are residents of Daegu / North Gyeongsang Province.

² As of 30 March, a total of 476 confirmed cases have been determined as influxes from overseas. Nearly half of those cases (202) were found during entry procedures.

3. COVID-19 Control Strategy : Test, Trace and Treat & Civic Participation

- The Korean Government's COVID-19 control strategy consists of robust testing to identify confirmed cases, tracing their contacts to prevent further spread, and treating those infected at the earliest possible stage, while actively engaging the public to participate in social-distancing and other preventive measures.
- ◆ WHO Director-General Tedros noted, "Korea was faced with accelerating community transmission but did not surrender. It educated, empowered and engaged communities, developed an innovative testing strategy and expanded lab capacity, did exhaustive contact tracing and testing in selected areas....WHO is working in solidarity with other countries with community transmission to apply the lessons learned in Korea and elsewhere, and adapt them to the local context" (*WHO press briefing, 18 March*) The WHO has continued to show trust in Korea's emergency response capability and its public health measures since the early stage of the COVID-19 outbreak in Korea.
- **(Testing : RT-PCR³ Diagnostic Screening)** Robust diagnostic testing capability lies at the core of our control strategy for COVID-19 epidemic. With our current diagnostic testing capacity of up to 20,000 tests per day, we have performed a total of nearly 400,000 tests so far⁴, and continue to test at near-full capacity.
- This was made possible by fast-track authorization of test-kits produced by biotech companies while maintaining the highest performance standards, rapid transfer of technology to relevant sectors, and efficient networking of public and private institutions capable of testing at scale. Currently, COVID-19 tests are conducted at 118 testing institutions across the country, including the Korean Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4 National Quarantine Stations, 18 Research Institutes of Public Health and Environment, and 95 private medical laboratories and hospitals.

To fully utilize this diagnostic testing capacity for early detection of COVID-19, the government introduced measures to provide convenient access to testing centers for the public while maintaining the safety of medical workers and healthcare institutions.

- ◆ **(Innovations in Access to Testing)** To protect healthcare institutions from COVID-19 contamination during specimen collection and to prevent cross-infections between patients, we set up separate, isolated 'Screening Centers' at public health centers and healthcare institutions nationwide that are exclusively dedicated to serving those that either have had contact with confirmed cases or are displaying

³ Real-Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction.

⁴ As of 30 March, 395,194 COVID-19 tests have been performed, which translates into one test for every 130 persons in Korea.

symptoms associated with COVID-19. There are 635 'Screening Centers' in operation nationwide as of late March.

To cut time needed for sample-taking and further limit exposure of front line medical workers as well as those that are waiting to be tested, our medical community pioneered 'Drive-through Testing Stations', allowing drivers to go through the process of registration and specimen collection in under 10 minutes without needing to get out of their vehicles. This has quickened the time involved in the procedure by threefold, allowing up to six sample-takings per hour at 'Drive-through Testing Stations' compared to two sample-takings at 'Screening Centers'. The Government compiled and distributed 'Standard Operating Procedure Manual for Drive-through Testing Stations'. As of late March, there are 79 drive-through testing stations in operation nationwide.

A number of private hospitals have adopted a phone-booth type testing facility that enables rapid 'walk-through' of potential patients while protecting front line medical workers who collect specimens behind clear acrylic panels. Incheon International Airport has introduced "open-air walk-through" testing stations that utilize the naturally windy outdoor environment for ventilation, in order to quickly and safely process a large number of inbound passengers.



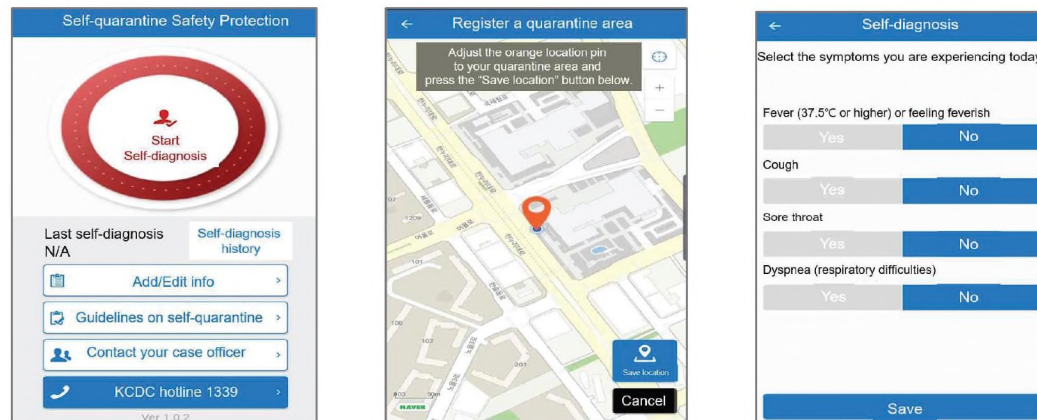
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➤ **(Tracing : Rigorous Epidemiological Investigations and Monitoring of Contacts)**

The Government is vigorously tracking and testing those who had been in contact with confirmed cases, utilizing credit card transaction history, CCTV footage and mobile phone GPS data when necessary within scope of our domestic law (Infectious Disease Control and Prevention Act). Relevant anonymized information⁵ is disclosed to the public with due care to protect personal information, so that those who may have crossed paths with confirmed cases may get themselves tested. Contacts identified through epidemiological investigations are tested for COVID-19, put under self-quarantine and monitored on a one-on-one basis by assigned public health officials for their safety and health.

⁵ Information required by the public to prevent spread of infectious diseases may be disclosed under the 'Infectious Disease Control and Prevention Act.' Disclosure is strictly limited to data relevant and necessary in the prevention of infectious diseases and fully anonymized to protect personal information according to guidelines provided by KCDC.

- Those that have been identified as contacts with confirmed cases and under self-quarantine are linked to their assigned government case officers through an innovative ‘self-quarantine safety protection app’, which allows the officers to monitor their symptoms twice daily and be alerted when self-quarantine is broken. This tracking of the phone’s GPS location is done with the consent of the contacts. The app also includes guidelines on self-quarantine and contact information of the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) and assigned case officers.



<Self-Quarantine Safety and Protection App>

- Hospitals and pharmacies have been granted access to patients’ travel histories to a select number of affected countries via our National Health Insurance and International Traveler Information System to aid in the screening of suspected cases of COVID-19 infection so that patients may be tested and, if confirmed positive, treated at the earliest possible time.
- **(Treating : Speedy Recovery of Patients infected with COVID-19)**
- As COVID-19 infection can manifest with little or no symptoms, we prioritize early detection through preemptive diagnostic screening and rigorous epidemiological investigations, followed by intensive treatment at the earliest possible stage to increase the likelihood of successful recovery. As a result, COVID-19 fatality rate in Korea has been kept relatively low at 1.64% (as of 30 March), and most of the related deaths have been either among the elderly or those with existing medical conditions. The rate is expected to increase in the coming days/weeks as patients under intensive care may succumb to the virus.
 - Currently, over 79% of fatalities have occurred in patients who are 70 years of age or older. So far no one below 29 years of age has succumbed to COVID-19, and only two fatalities have occurred in the 30-49 age range. The fatality rate among the

younger population (below 49 years of age) remains very low at 0.036%. Although the elderly are more vulnerable to serious complications and deaths from COVID-19, a 97 year old woman recently set the record for being the oldest patient to make full recovery.

Age Group	Cases	Deaths (%)	Fatality Rate (%)
Over 80	437	80 (50.63)	18.31
70-79	640	45 (28.48)	7.03
60-69	1,218	21 (13.29)	1.72
50-59	1,812	10 (6.33)	0.55
40-49	1,297	1 (0.63)	0.08
30-39	1,002	1 (0.63)	0.10
20-29	2,630	0 (0.00)	-
10-19	513	0 (0.00)	-
0-9	112	0 (0.00)	-
Total	9,661	158	1.64

<COVID-19 Fatality Rates among Age Groups as of 30 March>

- ◆ To secure hospital beds necessary for treatment, we have designated 67 ‘infectious disease hospitals’ to accommodate exclusively COVID-19 patients, and transferred their existing inpatients to other institutions. Also, to prioritize medical resources to those that are in need of treatment, we established a Patient Management System comprised of a network of medical professionals that categorizes COVID-19 patients into four groups of mild, moderate, severe and extremely severe according to the severity of their symptoms. Patients with mild symptoms with little need for medical care are being accommodated under quarantine in temporarily repurposed corporate and public training facilities (called ‘Living Treatment Centers’), and monitored by healthcare staff at least twice a day for symptoms. Those that develop more serious symptoms requiring medical intervention are promptly put under hospital care, and those that make full recovery according to relevant standards are discharged. Patients in the other three categories of severity are immediately put under hospital care in national infectious disease hospitals or other government-designated medical institutions. As of late March, there are 139 Living Treatment Centers in operation with 14,503 available rooms.
- **(Civic Awareness and Participation)** The Korean Government’s strategy to test, trace and treat, together with the high-level of public trust and civic awareness and adherence to personal hygiene, voluntary testing, self-quarantine, and social-distancing, has effectively slowed the spread of COVID-19.

To contain and minimize the sporadic clusters of local transmissions in various parts of the country, the government has been leading a half-month campaign of strengthened social-distancing with a view to reopen schools in April. The government has advised the public against unnecessary travel and socializing, strongly recommended religious, indoor sports and entertainment facilities to suspend operations, and in case of continued operations to strictly conform to guidelines such as mandatory wearing of masks and records-keeping of participants' contact information. In cases where the guidelines are repeatedly ignored, administrative orders for closure are being issued. Taking stock of the situation in collaboration with city/provincial education authorities, the decision was made to open schools on-line in phases, starting with the final grades in middle and high schools on April 9th.

Public support and participation in the efforts to overcome COVID-19 has materialized into civic activism nationwide. For example, countless people have volunteered to help out in the hard-hit Daegu/North Gyeongsang Province. At one point, there were some six volunteers for every patient/person under self-quarantine.

4. Open and Transparent Response with Minimal Interference in Traffic

- The Korean Government is fully committed to sharing information on developments in our COVID-19 situation and Government policy, both domestically and internationally, in a prompt and transparent manner. Our domestic law (Infectious Disease Control and Prevention Act) ensures the public's right to be informed on the latest developments and responses to outbreaks and infection control. Since day one, press briefings have been held twice a day by the Center of Disaster and Safety Countermeasure Headquarters in the morning and the Central Disease Control Headquarters in the afternoon with simultaneous interpretation into sign language. These briefings are live-streamed through the internet⁶ with simultaneous interpretation into English for international viewers. Regular press releases that cover a wide range of information including the number of confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19, number of diagnostic tests performed, regional distribution of confirmed cases, epidemiological links, number of contacts under quarantine and number of discharged cases, and various statistics are also provided in English every day⁷.
- On 30 January 2020, in declaring the outbreak of COVID-19 infection as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), the WHO recommended against travel or trade restrictions. On 11 March 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic, but its recommendation on international traffic has remained the same.

⁶ www.arirang.com at 11:00am and 2:00pm daily

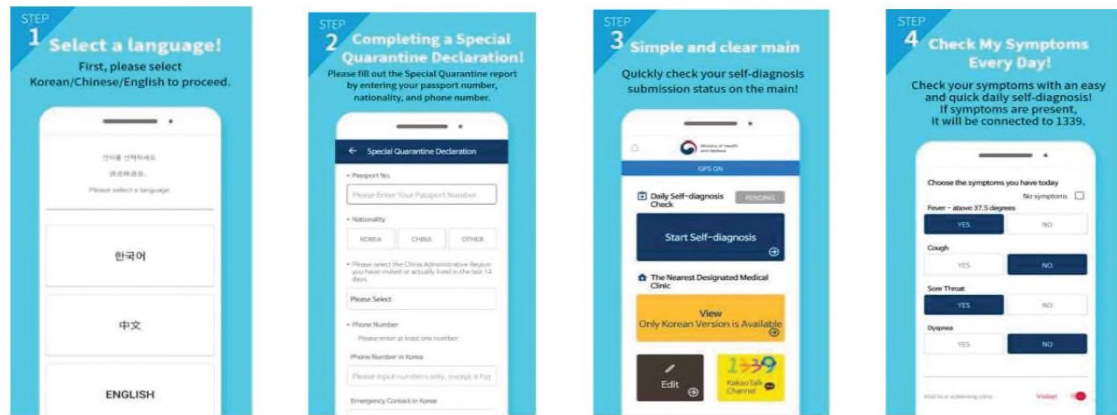
⁷ www.cdc.go.kr/cdc_eng/

- In our fight against COVID-19, the Korean government is committed to complying with WHO recommendations on border controls, i.e. that measures in relations to international traffic that significantly interfere with the movement of people and goods during public health emergencies, need to be proportionate to the public health risk, be short in duration, and be reconsidered regularly as situation evolves.
- ◆ The Korean government's adherence to the principles of openness, transparency and minimal interference to international traffic has been consistently applied to policies on both inbound and outbound travels.

5. Curbing COVID-19 Inflow from Abroad

- In adherence to WHO recommendations, the Korean Government is effectively managing the risk associated with cross-border traffic not with blanket entry bans but with continuous adaptation and fine-tuning of the measures designed to control and keep track of inbound travelers. These have been phased in, broadly corresponding to changing location of the virus outbreaks. The scope of the testing has adapted to the changes, so as to make optimum use of the testing capacity against the multiplying source of risks with inbound travelers. At all phases, those confirmed as positive, both Korean and foreigners, whether at airport quarantine, local medical facilities, temporary testing/quarantine facilities, are promptly taken into medical care.
- **(Phase I: Special Entry Procedure and Self-Diagnosis Mobile App)** In the early stages of COVID-19 epidemic, travelers from only a select number of affected countries, determined by a number of factors such as their geographical proximity to Korea, size of inbound traffic and potential risk, were subject to the Special Entry Procedure and Self-Diagnosis Mobile App. However, in response to the global spread of COVID-19 which culminated in the WHO pandemic declaration, as of 19 March, all travelers entering Korea from abroad, regardless of nationality, became subject to these measures.
 - ◆ **(Special Entry Procedure)** The Special Entry Procedure requires inbound travelers to undergo fever checks, and submit Health Questionnaire and Special Travel Record Declaration upon arrival at the entry hall for immigration. Travelers need to provide their contact information and address in Korea in the Travel Record Declaration. Immigration officials check, on site, whether the travelers can be reached via the phone number provided. Entry is denied if they do not provide a reachable phone number.
 - ◆ **(Self-Diagnosis Mobile App)** Inbound travelers have also been required to install the Self Diagnosis App on their smartphones and submit their health status every day on the app for 14 days. If they show symptoms of COVID-19 infection for more than two consecutive days, the Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention

and local authorities follow up to take the necessary measures. Those who neglect to submit their health status are tracked down by public health authorities to identify their location and health status. Those unable to download the app on their phones, e.g. holders of 2G mobile phones or those unfamiliar with using apps, are reached and monitored through a call center for 14 days.



<Self-Diagnosis Mobile Applications>

- **(Phase II: Mandatory COVID-19 Testing of All Inbound Travelers from Europe)**
In response to the spread of COVID-19 epidemic and increasing influx into Korea of COVID-19 cases originating from Europe, on 22 March, COVID-19 testing became mandatory for all inbound travelers from Europe. Korean nationals are required to take the test at nearby medical facilities after returning home. Foreigners, who are not necessarily enrolled in the Korean public healthcare system, are tested immediately after arrival at a separate facility near the airport. All found negative have been required to quarantine for 14 days.
- **(Phase III: Mandatory Self-Quarantine for All Inbound Travelers)** With the pandemic fast spreading to many other regions and the number of newly confirmed cases growing among inbound travelers, on 29 March, the government decided on uniform measures that would apply to all inbound travelers. As of 1 April, a 14-day quarantine will be mandatory, regardless of nationality. All inbound travelers are required to download the 'Self-Quarantine Safety and Protection App' on their smartphones. Korean nationals and foreign nationals on long term visas (holders of alien registration cards) will be required to self-quarantine at their residence. Those without a place of residence or on short-term visas will be hosted at a government quarantine facility. Testing will be administered to those showing symptoms. In case of inbound travelers from Europe, phase II mandatory COVID-19 testing continues to apply, regardless of symptoms.

- ♦ **(Exceptions for Necessary Travel)** To minimize the restrictive effect on necessary international travel, the 14 day self-quarantine requirement will be waived for holders of A1 (Diplomatic), A2 (Official) and A3 (Treaties) Visas, and those that have been issued a 'Self-Quarantine Waiver'⁸ at a Korean Embassy/Consulate prior to departure. These travelers are tested for COVID-19 upon arrival, and if tested negative, subject to active monitoring. This includes daily submission of health conditions via the Self-Diagnosis App and answering daily phone calls from health authorities throughout their stay in Korea.
- **(Costs)** The Korean government shoulders all costs involved in the testing and treatment of COVID-19 for both Korean and foreign nationals. The costs related to self-quarantine, including fees charged for the use of government quarantine facilities, are assumed by the individual travelers regardless of their nationality.
- **(Temperature Checks Prior to Boarding Korea-Bound Flights)** As of 30 March, all airlines operating to and from Korea have been asked to conduct temperature checks on all passengers except flight crew, regardless of nationality, prior to boarding. Those with temperatures of over 37.5°C will be denied boarding and refunded. This measure was adopted to minimize the influx of COVID-19 cases into Korea and to ensure the safety of international passengers during their flight.

6. Minimizing COVID-19 Outflow Overseas

- In addition to the above measures to manage the risk of influx of COVID-19 cases into Korea through international travel, the Korean Government also tries to minimize the outflow of COVID-19 from Korea.
- **(Exit Bans)** In accordance with our relevant domestic laws (Quarantine Act Article 24), the Korean government grounds individuals identified as COVID-19 contacts⁹ from exiting the country during their 14 day self-quarantine, regardless of whether they are symptomatic of COVID-19. As of 30 March, over 22,000, identified to have had contact with confirmed cases, have been so grounded during the duration of their self-quarantine.

⁸ Issuance of Self-Quarantine Waivers will be considered for (1) crucial business (e.g. contract signing, investment), (2) academic function (e.g. participation in an academic symposium), and (3) other necessary travel (e.g. public interest, humanitarian reasons)

⁹ Persons who have been in contact with an infected patient, starting two days before the patient showed symptoms.

- **(COVID-19 Free Airport)** Pledging to become a ‘COVID-19 Free Airport’, Incheon International Airport has implemented a full-fledged three step temperature monitoring program on outbound passengers. Temperature checks are conducted at the terminal (1) when entering the departure hall and (2) before entering the security check point (with thermal cameras / when detected with higher body temperature, with non-contact thermometers for more accurate results), and (3) at the boarding gate (with non-contact thermometers). When confirmed to have a fever of 37.5°C or higher, passengers are escorted to the National Quarantine Office for further inspection and may not be allowed to board.
- ◆ In addition, Incheon International Airport has further strengthened disinfection protocol of its facilities, including special sterilization of check-in counters and security search equipment three times a day. Facilities that are exposed to physical contact with passengers such as elevators and escalators are also disinfected with alcohol three times a day. Similar measures are being implemented in other international airports in Korea.
- To facilitate essential international travel, hospitals in Korea designated by the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as the COVID-19 Diagnostic Examiner have been authorized to issue standardized ‘Health Status Check Certificates’ certifying that the holder, through a physical evaluation by a clinician, has no cough, shortness of breath, sore throat or any respiratory symptoms, and has tested negative for COVID-19 by RT-PCR testing.

7. Whole-of-Government Adaptive Approach

- Since 23 February, upon upgrading the health alert for COVID-19 to the highest level (“serious”) in the face of the massive outbreak in Daegu, the Korean Government has maintained a concerted whole-of-government approach in the fight against COVID-19. The Prime Minister chairs the Central Crisis Management Committee, comprising all relevant ministries of the central government as well as the seventeen provinces and major cities. Korea is highly devolved, and City Mayors and Provincial Governors are directly elected by the voters. Mobilizing their resources and responsibilities has been crucial in the fight against COVID-19.
- With this approach, we have harnessed the support and participation of local governments in promptly allocating and reallocating the resources for disease control where they are needed the most, staying on joint message and action in the face of the fast evolving challenges of COVID-19, and sustaining the public buy-in around the country for the Government’s efforts.

- This has also enabled us to quickly adjust and fine-tune our measures and solutions with minimum disruption. This concerted, adaptive approach will be maintained in the on-going fight against COVID-19 and in the efforts to overcome its socio-economic consequences.
- In the same spirit of team work, the Korean Government is ready to actively participate in the efforts to strengthen coordinated global response against COVID-19 and better preparedness for the future.

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Korea's Fight
Against COVID-19

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Transparency

The capacity to test around 20,000 cases a day and rigorous tracing of patients' contacts have minimized the spread of COVID-19.

The central and local governments of Korea have provided timely details of the situation through websites, mobile apps, and text alerts.

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Responsibility

People are following the guidelines for social-distancing and taking personal sanitary measures, with medical professionals volunteering to help communities in need.

The central government has allotted \$100 billion to boost the economy and to protect the vulnerable, while conducting COVID-19 tests free of charge for suspected cases with the support from local governments.

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United Actions

United actions by the government, research institutions, and private companies have paved the way for prompt development, fast approval and mass production of testing kits.

Through coordinated efforts, Korea continues to produce testing kits with improved production capacity, and more than 100 countries have shown interest in them.

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Science & Speed

Korea is applying innovative technologies
for a speedy response.

The 80 drive-through testing stations expanded the availability and reduced the time needed.

Innovative mobile apps allow self-diagnostic tests
and inform the number of masks in nearby
pharmacies, providing fast and accessible care.

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Together in Solidarity

In the spirit of solidarity, Korea is open to sharing its best practices, information and lessons learned with the global community.

We stand against xenophobia and discrimination, moving toward a future where we can stand together recovered.

Transparency,
Responsibility,
United Actions,
Science & Speed,
Together in Solidarity

**The core values
that the Republic of Korea is pursuing
in response to the COVID-19 crisis.**